



STATE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL (SIAC) FOR SERVICES AND SUPPORTS TO CHILDREN AND TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH

Strategic Planning Kick Off Meeting
August 20, 2020 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Meeting via Zoom

2018-2020 Key Accomplishments

Each committee chair shared key accomplishments from the last strategic plan.

- Administered survey to determine what current membership looks like
- Agencies coming together and staying out of silos in order to make differences for families – focus on collaboration
- Beginning to plan, collect data, and determine how best to use that data
- Community engagement around education and training
- Community forums and collaborations
- Created SIAC logo
- Identified different social and emotional wellbeing indicators to establish priorities; 3-5 indicators that SIAC can focus on
- Performing online webinars (e.g., Moving from Protest to Policy)
- Pushed recommendations through legislation on addressing racial and ethical disparities
- Revised SIAC operating procedures
- Short video to explain SIAC
- There's an opportunity to tell a story of Kentucky's kids – the story can encompass where they were to where they go as a result of our support system
- We're a small group that's looking at priority groups and getting them the services they need by utilizing the resources that we have – working to be financially sustainable

SIAC Strengths

Each participant shared a SIAC strength. A number in parentheses denotes the number of participants that gave the same response.

- Agencies and organizations that collaborate and come together to have a positive impact on Kentucky families
- Convening a lot of state agency staff in order to be critical thinkers regarding children involved with the state
- Diverse perspectives looking at a common goal and focus
- Diversity
- Family and youth driven with all agencies having the same mission
- Having voices of youth, parents, and advocacy organizations along with the state agencies
- Multiple different partnerships come together to work on a common goal
- Open-mindedness and collaboration among agencies; no one is better than anyone else
- Representatives from family and youth (2)
- Unity among state agencies
- What SIAC does for the families of the Commonwealth and the supports it provides

Key Opportunities & Strengths-Based Goal Areas

Participants were asked to brainstorm ideas around the following question:

➤ ***From your perspective, what 1-2 key opportunities will further the SIAC mission?***

After brainstorming, ideas were grouped into common themes to develop strengths-based goal areas. Goal areas are denoted in bold with the key opportunities listed beneath for reference purposes. Goal areas are listed in alphabetical order.

Become Family and Youth Driven

- Being more intentional on including voices of families and youth of color for minorities
- Educate providers on how to empower families and allow them to be in the driver's seat and ab experts on their own lives
- Include more youth in the process
- Incorporate more family and youth voices
- Increase family and youth voices throughout the agencies that have committees that help in decision making
- Listen to youth to learn more about their health and wellbeing

Build Organizational and Community Capacity

- Adopt the five social and emotional capacities from CASEL
- Increase organizational and community capacity
- More resources for caregivers
- Take more actions to support change at the local level (create and facilitate change)

Culture of Safety

- Create Standards of Care for policies of all organizations that would put self-care as a priority for the "boots on the ground" – strong healthy workforce with resources they need to provide services to those in need
- Keep safety in mind – have a backdrop of safety with everything we're doing and include that in educating providers to promote health and wellness

De-Stigmatize the Intersectionality of the Issues Our Families Face

- Change the bias that families receive from different agencies – improve the bias and judgment by educating them
- De-stigmatize legislators' perceptions of our clients
- De-stigmatize Mental Health Disorder
- De-stigmatize Substance Use Disorder
- Educate/Help others to understand the difference in poverty and neglect
- Political biases – break down those barriers
- Take a trauma-informed/healing-centered/anti-racist approach

Improve System of Care

- Advertise SIAC to get more input from the public
- Agencies and organizations are able to integrate the ideas
- Learn from our experience during the pandemic and continue using virtual platforms to reach more people and be more efficient
- Make sure what we implement goes to the “boots on the ground”

Increase Equity in Service Access and Outcomes

- Embrace the anti-racism framework
- Evaluate the ways that Kentucky provides services to children and transition age youth with disabilities and their families and offer recommendations to SIAC to improve their outcomes
- Increase positive contact points
- Reduce disparities and provide resources for minority groups to be successful
- Reduce disparities of minority groups among agencies
- Social, emotional, and behavioral resources for minority groups (youth and their families)

SIAC Mission

Participants reviewed SIAC's mission statement to ensure their strategic planning was in alignment.

Promoting healthy children and transition-age youth across Kentucky: Building a collaborative System of Care to promote children's and transition-age youth's social, emotional and behavioral well-being where they live, learn, work and play.

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